

A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING MAY 2024 AS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS, lupus is an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and

WHEREAS, The Lupus Foundation of America estimates that 1.5 million Americans, and at least 5 million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this cruel and mysterious disease and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men and children around the world are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

WHEREAS, medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

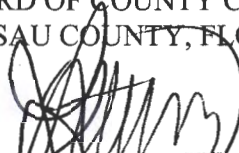
WHEREAS, many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, on this 22nd day of April, 2024, hereby designates May 2024 as Lupus Awareness Month to raise awareness of this significant public health issue.

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